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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Odile Aubrun-SONNEVILLE, et al. : EXAMINER: A. BERMAN
SERIAL NO: 09/903,606 :
FILED: JULY 13, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1617
FOR: WATER-IN-OIL EMULSION AND
ITS USE AS A COSMETIC

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

A 1
Sub B1
1. (Amended) A physiologically acceptable composition, comprising:
an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase, and an oligomeric or polymeric
emulsifier comprising i) a polyolefinic apolar component comprising at least 40 carbon atoms
and ii) at least one polar component.

A 2
4. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the emulsifier reduces
the interfacial tension between the aqueous phase and the oily phase of the emulsion by at
least 10 mN/m when said emulsifier is present at a concentration of 0.01 % by weight relative
to the weight of the oily phase.